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BUILDING PERMITS FOR AUGUST, 1930, WITH COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS FOR JULY, 1930, AND AUGUST, 1929, AND CUMULATIVE FIGURES FOR FIRST EIGHT MONTHS, 1920-1930.

There was a slight seasonal decline in the value of the building permits issued during August, 1930, as compared with July, while in comparison with August of last year, there was also a considerable decrease; during the month under review, the 61 co-operating centres authorized building estimated to cost \$13,817,745, as compared with \$15,730,964 in July, 1930, and \$21,582,221 in August, 1929. There was, therefore, a decrease of 12.2 p.c. in the first comparison, and of 36.0 p.c. in the second. The aggregate value of the building authorized in the first eight months of this year continued higher than the average for the same period of the ten years, 1920-1929, although it was exceeded by the totals for the years 1929, 1928 and 1927.

Some 50 cities furnished detailed statistics showing that they had issued over 900 permits for dwellings estimated to cost approximately \$4,000,000 and nearly 2,500 permits for other buildings valued at about \$9,800,000. During July, authority was granted for the erection of some 900 dwellings and 2,300 other buildings, estimated at about \$3,500,000 and \$7,200,000, respectively.

Nova Scotia, Manitoba and Saskatchewan reported gains as compared with July, 1930, that of \$707,210, or 920.1 p.c. in Nova Scotia being especially noteworthy. Of the reductions elsewhere indicated, that of \$1,609,748, or 31.0 p.c. in Quebec was greatest.

Nova Scotia reported a higher aggregate of building permits issued than in August of last year, that province showing an increase of \$401,970 or 105.2 p.c. as compared with August, 1929. Declines in this comparison were recorded in the remaining provinces, that of \$3,239,996 or 35.9 p.c. in Ontario being most pronounced.

Of the larger cities, Winnipeg showed improvement as compared with July, 1930, but the total was smaller than in August, 1929, while Montreal, Toronto and Vancouver reported decreases in both comparisons. Of the other centres, Halifax, New Glasgow, Sydney, Sherbrooke, Westmount, Galt, Kingston, Kitchener, London, Port Arthur, Stratford, Sault Ste. Marie, Riverside, Walkerville and Moose Jaw registered gains in both comparisons.

CUMULATIVE RECORD FOR FIRST EIGHT MONTHS, 1920-30.

The following table gives the value of the building authorized by 61 cities during August and in the first eight months of each year since 1920, as well as index numbers for the latter, based upon the total for 1920 as 100. The average index numbers of wholesale prices of building materials in the first eight months of the years since 1920 are also given, (average 1926=100).

Year	Value of Permits issued in August	Value of Permits issued in first eight months	Indexes of value of permits issued, first eight months (1920=100)	Average indexes of wholesale prices of building materials in first eight months (1926 average =100)
	\$	\$		
1930	13,817,745	112,762,733	130.7	93.4
1929	21,582,221	168,894,072	195.7	99.6
1928	17,448,542	145,247,485	168.3	97.5
1927	29,478,378	126,690,292	146.8	96.8
1926	11,672,599	109,211,942	126.5	101.7
1925	9,511,008	88,223,328	102.2	104.3
1924	9,406,733	81,762,083	94.7	109.1
1923	11,425,031	97,551,074	113.0	111.7
1922	18,158,932	105,181,416	121.9	108.4
1921	10,928,039	77,665,614	90.0	128.6
1920	10,805,846	86,303,601	100.0	156.3

The aggregate for the first eight months of this year was 33.2 p.c. lower than in 1929, the previous high level of the record, but was \$4,089,645 or 3.8 p.c. higher than the ten year average of \$108,673,091, while the average index numbers of wholesale prices of building materials was much lower than in any other year since 1920. During August, the index of wholesale prices of building materials stood at 88.0, compared with 99.2 in August, 1929.

Table 1 gives the value of the building permits issued by 61 cities during July and August, 1930, and August, 1929. The 35 cities for which records are available since 1910 are marked thus "X".

of building work as indicated by Permits issued by 61 Cities.

Cities	August, 1930	July, 1930	August, 1929.
	\$	\$	\$
E. I.--Charlottetown	-	Nil	Nil
Nova Scotia	784,075	76,865	382,105
x Halifax	653,700	67,090	341,280
New Glasgow	81,450	5,850	22,875
x Sydney	48,925	3,925	17,950
New Brunswick	63,027	67,430	447,900
Fredericton	Nil	1,000	Nil
x Moncton	35,932	39,850	420,575
x Saint John	27,095	26,580	27,325
Quebec	3,724,665	5,394,413	4,203,303
x Montreal-x Maisonneuve	2,611,050	4,640,795	3,312,625
x Quebec	558,974	565,718	286,135
Shawinigan Falls	15,180	21,350	251,153
x Sherbrooke	113,600	71,200	50,330
x Three Rivers	21,950	20,180	153,960
x Westmount	403,911	75,170	149,100
Ontario	5,774,514	6,305,836	9,014,510
Belleville	18,750	14,600	51,700
x Brantford	43,101	146,317	93,062
Chatham	6,700	32,550	37,930
x Fort William	217,725	284,625	80,025
Galt	72,667	32,297	63,086
x Guelph	29,350	61,847	33,840
x Hamilton	490,750	468,850	1,327,600
x Kingston	355,084	111,966	279,461
x Kitchener	273,799	79,440	126,835
x London	385,620	118,330	171,915
Niagara Falls	30,065	17,735	166,510
Oshawa	20,435	64,130	68,220
x Ottawa	136,140	1,070,775	121,743
Owen Sound	15,200	12,000	400,250
x Peterborough	14,720	31,000	35,938
x Port Arthur	731,419	85,150	40,700
x Stratford	76,803	59,512	21,536
x St. Catharines	23,192	51,620	123,250
x St. Thomas	2,210	14,475	31,175
Sarnia	39,916	93,425	52,496
Sault Ste. Marie	258,350	21,195	199,695
x Toronto	1,494,796	2,319,434	4,068,975
York and East York Townships	479,080	436,578	892,128
Welland	9,585	12,575	21,405
x Windsor	414,286	457,722	365,645
East Windsor	8,800	145,390	46,450
Riverside	19,125	4,500	13,500
Sandwich	1,250	8,725	17,590
Walkerville	38,000	14,000	52,000
Woodstock	17,596	35,073	9,850
Manitoba	782,690	386,610	939,639
x Brandon	7,260	7,500	61,374
St. Boniface	5,380	29,560	2,465
x Winnipeg	770,050	349,550	875,800
Saskatchewan	1,154,332	882,326	2,525,395
x Moose Jaw	364,440	8,250	28,141
x Regina	185,052	210,451	2,170,429
x Saskatoon	604,840	663,625	326,825
Alberta	495,284	1,158,323	2,826,001
x Calgary	233,039	250,038	1,849,651
x Edmonton	176,275	769,325	888,075
Lethbridge	84,325	132,460	75,100
Medicine Hat	1,645	6,500	13,175
British Columbia	1,039,158	1,459,161	1,243,368
Kamloops	5,825	33,000	16,645
Nanaimo	75	47,018	26,575
New Westminster	50,750	30,450	124,375
Prince Rupert	11,875	20,060	4,060
x Vancouver	834,691	1,214,230	908,340
North Vancouver	21,975	18,595	38,550
x Victoria	113,967	95,808	124,823
Total - 61 Cities	13,817,745	15,730,964	21,582,221
x Total - 35 Cities	12,504,496	14,470,798	19,038,813

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